(2) and the reason for the supersession in each case;

(3) were there complaints about these and what were the final orders of the Diwan in each case?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) None.

(2) This does not arise in view of answer to part (1).

(3) There were two complaints. Both these were dismissed by the Diwan.

Utilisation of the services of subordinate Officers and peons as motor car drivers, etc.

143. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is permissible to utilise the peons or subordinate officers as cooks, motor car drivers, etc.

(b) whether there are officers at present who use the peons, etc., as cooks and drivers;

(c) how are their T. A. paid especially when journeys made by them are in the officers' cars, between places served by bus or train;

(d) are they allowed railway fare, bus charges and T. A. for such journeys?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) No instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) In view of the answer to (b), no answer is called for.

Action in respect of an uncommon disease.

144. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read an article published in Gomathi dated 5th Edavam 1107 under the caption "an uncommon disease";

(b) did the Government receive any representation with respect to the above disease;

(c) whether the matter had been brought to the attention of the predecessor of the present Chief Medical Officer; and if so, what did he do in the matter and what reply was given by him to the representation submitted;

(d) whether any article published in the Malayalamanorama, Kottayam, regarding the above disease had been brought to his attention;

(e) what action has been taken by the present Chief Medical Officer to diagnose the disease;

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(f) whether any patient suspected of suffering from this disease was sent from Kunnamkulam to the General Hospital, Ernakulam, for treatment after diagnosing it correctly;

(g) whether the Government have made any enquiry to ascertain how many have died of this disease in Kunnamkulam in the last four years ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Not known.

(d) Not known.

(e) The Chief Medical Officer visited a few patients, one at his house and the others in the Kunnamkulam Hospital. He gave directions to the Assistant Surgeon as regards the medical aid to be given. There were two patients brought to the General Hospital, Ernakulam, also. An investigation into the history, signs and symptoms of the disease was made.

(f) Yes.

(g) Enquiries disclose that a dozen of them died of this disease.

Annual lapses of allotment for Kunnamkulam Town Improvement.

145. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the amount budgetted annually in the last three years for Kunnamkulam Town Improvement;

(b) whether the whole amount was utilised every year; and if not, what amount lapsed annually in the aforementioned period;

(c) what is the reason for not making use of the full amount budgetted every year;

(d) whether the list of improvements for which the amount was utilised last year be printed and placed on the table ;

(e) if any amount lapsed in any of the aforementioned years, why did not the Government make use of that amount for opening the road sanctioned by the Government on the west side of southern bazaar, which the Government had admitted to be necessary for the protection of women and children when fire breaks out in the bazaar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(c) No explanation is necessary for the years 1105 and 1107. Certain works in 1106 involved land acquisition which could not be completed before the year was far advanced. Hence they could not be taken up.

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